GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:589
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2002
CLOSURE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZER UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers (GoMs) headed by the FinanceMiniser has suggested the closing down several unviable chemical fertilizer producing units;

(b) if so, the names of those units and the total Capital investment made so far by the Union Government therein;

(c) the total number of employees working therein;

(d) whether the Union Government have assessed the viability of all the public sector fertilizer units;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the view of the GoMs regarding the revival of fertilizer units in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 589 DATED 7.5.2002

(a) to (f) : A Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted in June,2001 to examine the comprehensive rehabilitation/restructuring proposals of the four sick fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings(PSUs) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC), Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.(FCI), Projects & Development India Ltd(PDIL) and Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL), based o n their unit-wise techno-economic viability. GOM's recommendationsare to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government.

The equity held by the Government in these PSUs, the work force employed and the accumulated losses incurred as on 31.3.2002 are given below :-

(Rs. crore)

PSU	GOVERNMENT EQUITY HELD	WORK FORCE EMPLOYED	ACCUMULATED LOSSES (PROV)
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.	891.44	6950	6725.88
Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.	746.74	6029	7921.00
Projects & Development India Ltd.	54.02	1929	166.84
Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.	95.40	1322	444.98

The details of profit earned (+)/loss incurred (-) by the fertilizer PSUs/cooperatives during 2000-2001 are as under :-

Rs.Crore

1. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (-) 767.72

2. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (-) 951.36

3. Projects & Development India Ltd. (-) 32.66

4. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (-) 108.30

5. Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (-) 29.76
6. Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (-) 152.00

7 Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (+) 64.97

8. National Fertilizers Ltd. (+) 27.31

9. Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (+) 247.16
10. Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (+) 382.70